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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Tang *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/488,725 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: January 21, 2000 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: NOVEL CONTIGS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS LIBRARIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the August 27, 2001, Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirement in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 27, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00, in payment of the fee (small entity) required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-006 (formerly 784). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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